

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 4**

**21st February 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Tomorrow 22nd February is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday has always been an important date in the Christian Calendar because it is the beginning of the season of Lent, the time when we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

It was during the season of Lent last year that we were stunned by two natural disasters that had a huge effect on our lives and will for years to come. I am writing of course about the Christchurch and Japanese earthquakes.

Both events were defining moments for us as a nation, the Christchurch earthquake because I think we all believed that things like this only happen on T.V. so the reality of people we know being effected bit deep. The Japanese earthquake was terrifying for a different reason, because it wasn't just a huge earthquake; it was a massive Tsunami followed by a near nuclear meltdown. Thing that popular authors like Clive Cussler and Tom Clancey wouldn't write because they would be seen to be too far fetched. But they were and are real, and the healing process goes on, made all the harder by the after shocks. Lent allows us a time to reflect on 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune' - (to quote Shakespeare) that we face.

But it is also a time when we can focus beyond the traumatic at the tranquility that exists in our world. Life is a path that for every climb has a drop and for every person who loves to climb we have one who loves to descend. The challenge in life is to be a person who accepts the climbing and the falling, the ups and the downs and to know that our faith is what enables us to keep going even when the climb appears too hard or the descend too steep.

**Have a great week,  
Mike Brosnahan.**

## The PTA Fish & Chip Night—thank you for coming and making this a successful night.



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Dates for 2012

#### February

Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15  
Friday 24th Assembly Room 7, 2.20pm  
Monday 27th Junior Swimming starts

#### March

Thursday 1st PTA AGM 7pm  
Scholastic Book Club Due  
Friday 23rd Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm  
Monday 27th Room 7 Rafting Trip  
April 5th Easter Assembly

#### Altar Servers Sunday 26th February

Cecilia Crooks, Sinead & Josh Illingworth

#### A thought for the week...

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.  
-Robert Byrne

#### Condolences

We would like to offer our heart felt condolences to Mrs Anne Kenneally, her husband Grant, and children Katie and Jason on the recent loss of Grant's sister. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Room 6—Problem Solving with Straws

#### PTA Notices:

##### PTA AGM Thursday 1st March

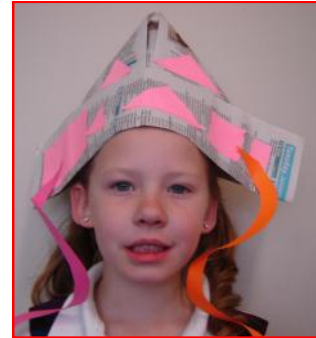
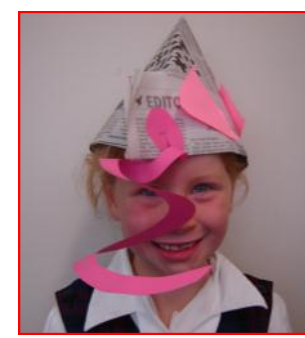
Starting at 7pm with a Guest Speaker, at 7.30pm we will have a tea break then onto the AGM at 7.45pm. Please come along and support the PTA. New members are very welcome.

#### Beginning of Year Fees

The bottom section of the stationery list have the costs to be **paid to the school office**, ie some senior classes have Math's Mates, junior children have swimming etc, these costs are all listed.

Please pay this to the school office by the end of February (next week) as the school has to pay these on your behalf.

#### Room 3 Maths—Geometry hats





### School Dress Code:

Please remember that as well as a school uniform we also have a dress code, this covers the appearance of our pupils along side the uniform expectations, that is hair, jewellery, makeup etc. Our dress code stipulates that pupils can wear one small stud in the lobe of each ear.

Please ensure that your child follows this code.

This is a health and safety matter as rings can get caught in things when children are playing and their ear damaged.

The school dress code is displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

### Mosgiel Junior Soccer Club Registrations 2012

#### New Registration Process – Online at

[www.mjfc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.mjfc.sportingpulse.net) then select junior registration form. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Youth Grade are required to register online **before the 6<sup>th</sup> March** to guarantee a place in a team.

Midget players and anyone without a computer can register on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 8pm at Memorial Park Clubrooms. Eftpos available.

Subs: 1 child : \$75

2 children: \$120 (= \$75 + \$45)

3 children: \$140 (= \$75 + \$45 + 20)

Midgets \$35 (Midgets: free ball), Socks \$7

Any questions contact: Craig Whitson 4895644,  
Michael Mackenzie 4891622

### East Taieri Home & School Committee Plains Junior Triathlon

Friday 2nd March 2012, Report at 5pm.

Memorial Park Mosgiel

Entries close 29th, no entries on the day.

5 – 7 Years- 400m run / 400m bike / 24m swim

8 – 10 Years- 1km run / 1km bike / 50m swim

11 – 14 Years- 1km run / 2km bike / 150m swim

Entry forms available at St Mary's School office.

Cost \$15pp, \$10 each if more than one sibling per family, or \$30 team

### Prayer for Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

God our Father, your love for us has no limits.  
Your love surrounds us and supports us at all times  
and in all places.

On Ash Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent.

We receive blessed ashes traced on our forehead  
in the shape of a cross.

Help this ritual to remind us that life has no  
meaning apart from a deep dedication to loving you  
and serving one another. Help us to overcome  
selfishness and grow in generosity.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

### Whanau Games Afternoon

